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Billie Burton "Mayo" McKee of Fairfield, California, passed away on March 28, 2026, at the age of 83. Born in Nashville, Tennessee, his family moved to Fairfield when he was 4 years old. After graduating from Armijo High School, he served in the U.S. Navy aboard the submarine USS Archerfish and the aircraft carrier USS Ranger. He also graduated from Solano Community College. At age 53, Mayo retired from Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Shop 99, when the shipyard closed. He later worked at H&R Block for seven years preparing taxes.

Mayo was an avid cyclist and rode many century rides. He was a lifelong car enthusiast, restoring many cars from MGAs to Mustangs. Mayo and his wife, Earlene, loved traveling in their motorhome, and for years were active in the Monaco NorCal RV Club. They also enjoyed cruising the oceans.

Mayo was devoted to his family, living by the motto "happy wife, happy life." He instilled in his daughters his love of cars and strong work ethic. We will all miss his smile and sarcastic sense of humor.

Mayo is survived by his wife of 64 years, Earlene (Rainwater) McKee; three

daughters: Adina Schwerdtfeger (Paul), Monique McKee (Jim Cloney), and Michon Linehan (Chris); seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his sister, Mary Perrin. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Richard and Marie McKee, and his brother, Paul.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on April 23, 2026, at Fairfield Funeral Home, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue in Fairfield, with burial at 1 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Catholic Cemetery at 1801 Union Avenue in Fairfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (theaftd.org).

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

Fairfield Funeral Home
1750 Pennsylvania Ave.
Fairfield, CA 94533
(707) 425-1041
info@fairfieldfuneral-home.com
<http://www.fairfieldfuneral-home.com/>

Burial

APR **23**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (PT)

St. Alphonsus Catholic Cemetery
1801 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

Tribute Wall



“ Mayo was my great uncle by marriage.
He was an amazing man that taught me how
to swim when I was five.
I have a lot of amazing memories of him.
I will miss him very much and am so happy he
always had his family by his side.
You will be greatly missed.



Tanya Knight - April 22 at 11:34 PM

GZ

“ George and Mary Zaghloul purchased the Divine
Peace Bouquet for the family of Billie Burton
"Mayo" McKee.



George and Mary Zaghloul - April 13 at 12:50 PM

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“ George and Mary Zaghloul planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billie Burton
"Mayo" McKee.

George and Mary Zaghloul - April 13 at 12:50 PM

JV

“ We shared many good times together, it was
an honor meeting the spouse of a coworker
and getting along at different times and many
different locations over time. May you rest in
peace amigo, descansa en paz amigo



Jose Velasco - April 10 at 03:05 PM